

APPLICATION NO. 10/073,720
DOCKET NO. N9514**REMARKS**

Claims 22 and 26-41 were pending in the above-captioned application. Claims 26-30 and 34 -41 stand allowed and Claims 22 and 31-33 rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) and/or 35 U.S.C. Section 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,591,382 to Nahass *et al.* All rejected claims 22 and 31-33 have been canceled herein in order to expedite prosecution.

Since the rejected claims herein, claims 22 and 31-33, have been canceled, and the only remaining claims, claims 26-30 and 34-41, have been allowed, it is believed a Notice of Allowance is now appropriate, and is requested.

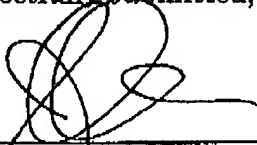
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all remaining claims, that is claims 26-30 and 34-41, are allowed. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance for such claims is earnestly sought. If there remains any matter which prevents the allowance of any of these claims, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned, collect, at 615-242-2400 to arrange for an interview which may further expedite prosecution.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 21-0010.

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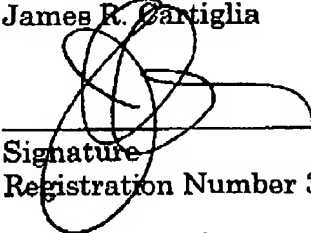
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